

What are the Requirements?

The Lead Safe Housing Rule's are issued under section 1012 and 103 of the Residential Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction Act of 1992, which is Title X ("ten") of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1992. The regulation sets hazard reduction requirements that give much greater emphasis than existing regulations to reducing lead in house dust, which scientific research has found is the most common way young children become lead poisoned.

Specific requirements depend on whether the housing is being disposed of or assisted by the federal government, and also on the type and amount of financial assistance, the age of the structure, and whether the dwelling is rental or owner-occupied.

Covered housing includes multifamily properties built prior to 1978 and receiving project-based, Section 8 assistance.

Types of Housing Not Covered

- Housing built since January 1, 1978, when lead paint was banned for residential use
- Housing exclusively for the elderly or people with disabilities, unless a child under age 6 is expected to reside there
- Zero-bedroom dwelling, including efficiency apartments, single-room occupancy housing, dormitories, or military barracks
- Property that has been found to be free of lead-based paint by a certified lead-based paint inspector
- Property where all lead-based paint has been removed
- Unoccupied housing that will remain vacant until it is demolished
- Non-residential property
- Any rehabilitation or housing improvement that does not disturb a painted surface

For more information

Copies of the regulations and other lead-based paint educational materials can be downloaded at <http://www.hud.gov/offices/lead> or you can call the National Lead Information Center at (800) 424-LEAD, or TDD (800) 526-5456.